

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claim 9 has been amended herewith. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected Claims 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In rejecting Claims 9-14, the Examiner states that in order for a computer program to be statutory, it must be tangibly embodied on computer readable medium/media. Applicants have amended Claim 9 accordingly, and thus it is urged that Claims 9-14 are allowable.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has been overcome.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants graciously acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-8 and 15-20.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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